

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 9 are amended and Fig. 5 is replaced with a new Fig. 5.

**I. The Drawings Satisfy All Formal Requirements**

The Office Action objects to the drawings for failure to show the "electro-optical material" recited in claim 7. This objection is respectfully traversed. Fig. 3 depicts liquid crystal 50. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Fig. 5 is amended to show element 621 discussed in paragraph [0100] of the specification.

**II. The Claims Satisfy All Formal Requirements**

The Office Action objects to claim 1. Claim 1 is amended to obviate this objection.

The Office Action objects to claim 8. Specifically, the Office Action objects to the recitation "a plate disposed to face one surface of an electro-optical device having a substrate in which projection light from a light source is incident on an image display region." The Office Action argues that the substrate 20 is the substrate in which projection light from a light source 1102 is incident. However, as shown in Fig. 3 and described in the specification at paragraph [0075], light will be incident on counter substrate 20, as well as TFT array substrate 10.

**III. The Claims Satisfy The Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph**

The Office Action rejects claims 1 because the recitation of "at least one of the plate and the cover" is unclear and inconsistent. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants assert that the recitation of "at least one of the plate and the cover" is consistent with the Examiner's understanding of Fig. 4 that the electro-optical device is held with only one or both the plate and the cover.

The Office Action objects to claim 7, because the recitation of "at least one dustproof substrate" is unclear. As shown in Fig. 3 and described in the specification at paragraph [0075], light is incident on both the counter substrate and the TFT array substrate 10. Thus, there is disclosed at least one dustproof substrate provided on one of the pair of substrates.

The Office Action rejects claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 9 is amended to obviate this rejection.

**IV. The Claims Satisfy The Requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph**

The Office Action asserts that the recitation in claim 1 of "a substrate in which projection light from a light source is incident on an image display region" identifies the wrong substrate. However, as discussed above and as disclosed in Fig. 3, and paragraph [0075] of the specification, light is incident on both the counter substrate and the TFT array substrate.

**V. Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over U.S. Publication No. 2004/0136146 to Miyashita (Saitoh et al.). The application claims priority of JP 2002-370069 filed December 20, 2002. The December 20, 2002 priority date antedates the November 28, 2003 filing date of Miyashita. Furthermore, the December 20, 2002 priority date antedates the July 15, 2004 publishing date of Miyashita's Japanese priority document JP 2002-370068.

The Office Action provisionally rejects claims 1-10 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 14-17, 27 and 29 over Miyashita in view of JP 2002-336902 to Tsuchiya et al. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed to obviate this rejection.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 7, 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,819,464 to Fujimori et al; claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Fujimori; and


claims 4 and 5 over 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Fujimori in view of Tsuchiya. As discussed above, the application claims priority of JP 2002-370069 filed December 20, 2002. The December 20, 2002 priority date antedates the June 12, 2003 filing date of Fujimori. Thus, Fujimori does not qualify as prior art.

**VI. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Attachments:

Terminal Disclaimer

Replacement Sheet (Figure 5)

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 5 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet